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OF BONE RESORPTION AND OSTEOPOROSIS

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

REPLY WITH AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2001. A petition for a three-month extension of time is enclosed. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 is also enclosed.

Prior to consideration of the remarks below relating to the various rejections of the claims of this application, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

Cancel claim 13.

REMARKS

Claim 13 was rejected for various reasons under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and 35 U.S.C. 101. These rejections are now moot in view of the foregoing cancellation of this claim.

All claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Hester et al. in view of Nair et al. and as unpatentable over Yoshida et al. in view of Nair et al. The basis of both of these rejections appears to be similar in nature and the following remarks will consider both rejections together.